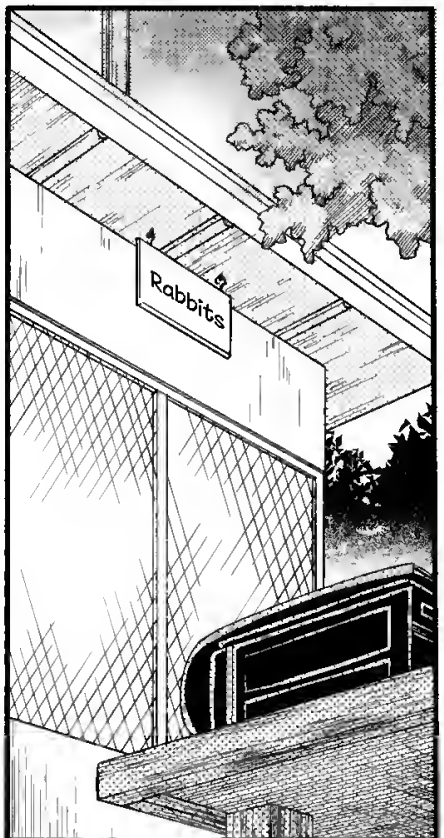
Chapter 3:
Rabbits.
Our monthly objective is to get into the habit of bringing our school stuff home.
Our assignments, our notes; everything goes home.
And the next day, we have to bring it all back.
We sixth graders come to school...
...while complaining about our heavy backpacks.

Hey, why aren't your textbooks in your backpacks?
COUGH
*TMP
They sit on their back-packs?
I know a few boys in my class who do the same.
Those books won't fit in our back-packs! They're too small!
They're only small because you boys sit on them on a daily basis.
*TMP

That backpack looks fine.
COUGH
I'll take this chance to give it to him.
*RUMMAGE
Oh. It's Hayami-kun.

Hayami-ku--
Huh?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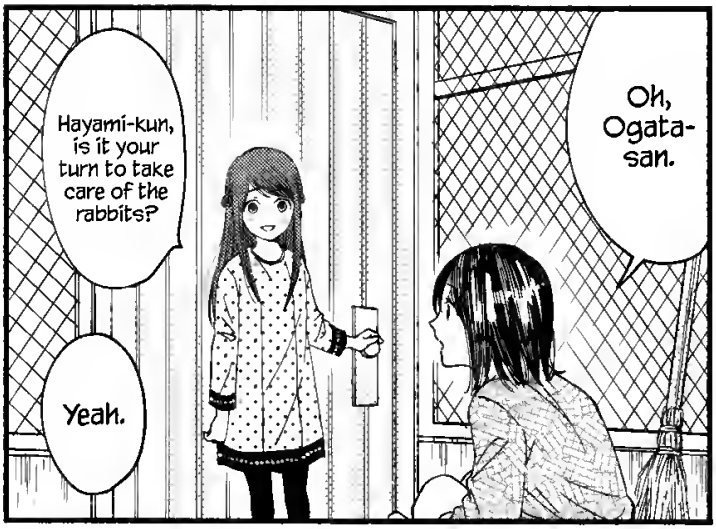
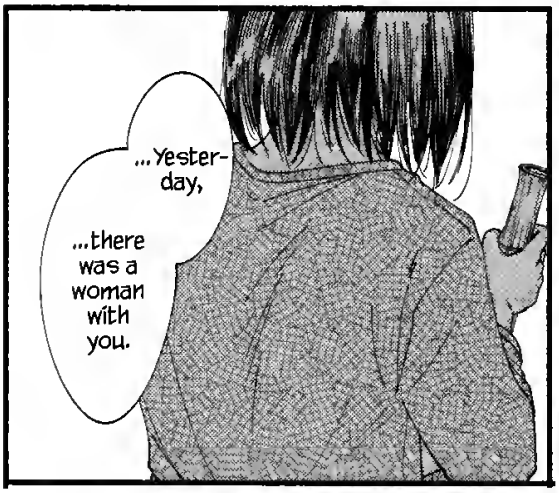

Hayami-kun, is it your turn to take care of the rabbits?
Oh, Ogata-san.
Yeah.

THINGS
Found you.

*SFX RUSTLE

Oh
Sorry.
I was...
...trying to look for my ride.
*RUSTLE

Do you need something with...
...the rabbits?
Ahaha
No.
I was supposed to give you a form yesterday.
I'm here to give it to you


...Yesterday,
...there was a woman with you.

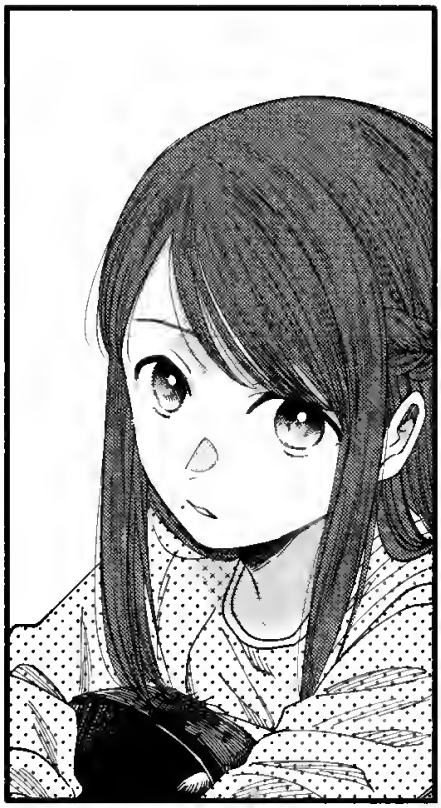
That reminds me.

Who was she?
THINGS

...She's not my sister.

Your sister?
Oh, um...

Huh.
So...
But she taught me how to juggle. She helps me practice, and she took me to the match.



I see.

She's a nice person.

Wow.
So, she isn't your sister?
Yeah.
I've only got brothers in my family.
Wow! Me too.
Mn.

*SFX
FSH
FSH

Well, I'll be going.
See you in class...
Wait.
What?
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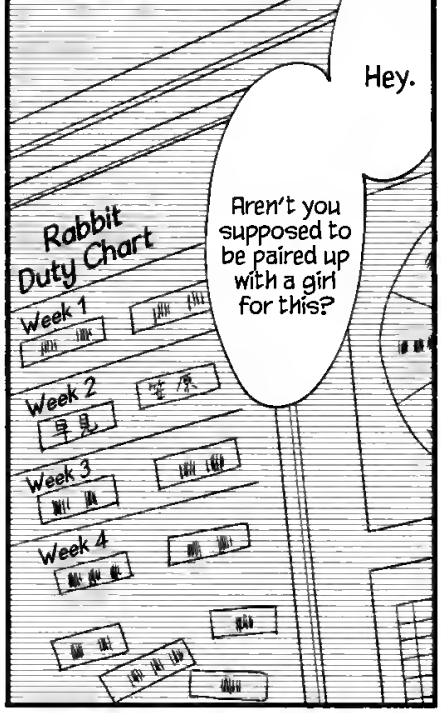
Hey.
Aren't you supposed to be paired up with a girl for this?
Rabbit Duty Chart
Week 1
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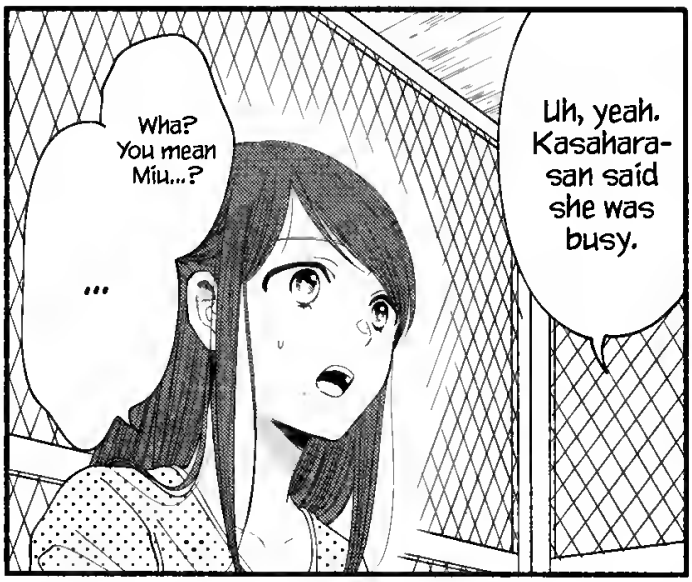
Week 3
Week 4


Uh, yeah. Kasahara-san said she was busy.
Wha? You mean Miu...?
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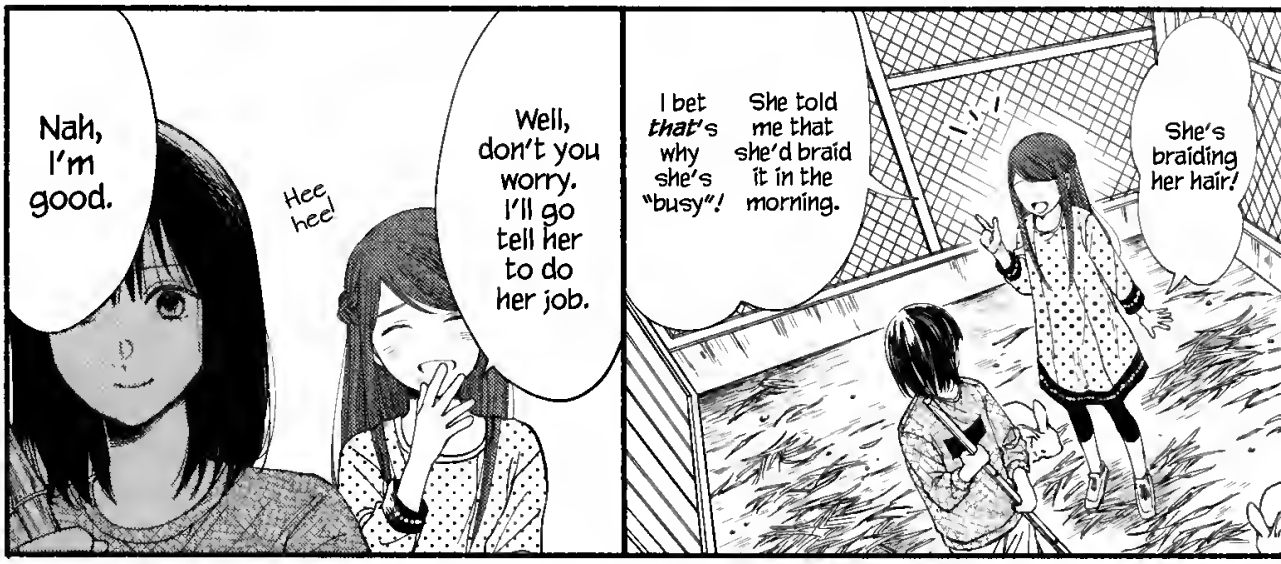
She's braiding her hair!
She told me that she'd braid it in the morning.
I bet *that*'s why she's "busy"!
Well, don't you worry. I'll go tell her to do her job.
Hee hee!
Nah, I'm good.

Huh?
I'm good.

I like...
...taking care of the rabbits, so I'll be fine.
Huh...?
it's possible...
...it wasn't her hair she was worried about when she said that.
She could be busy with something else.
*SFX: BA-DUMP
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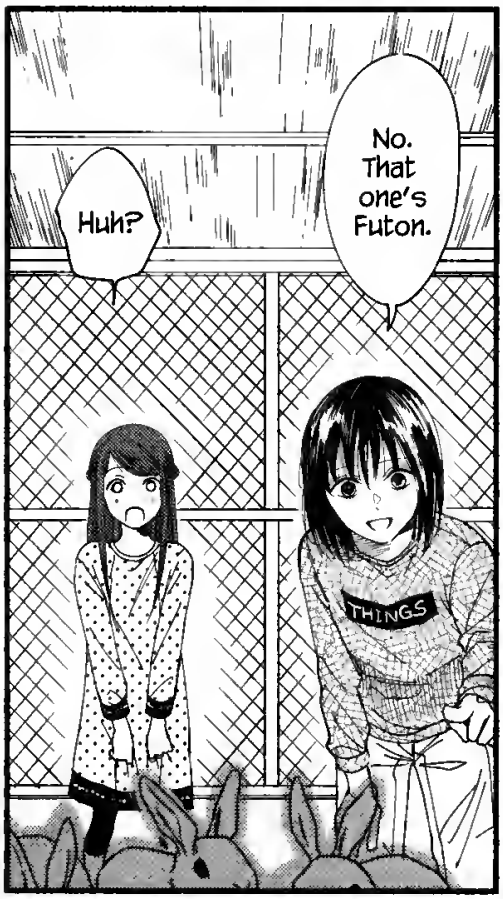
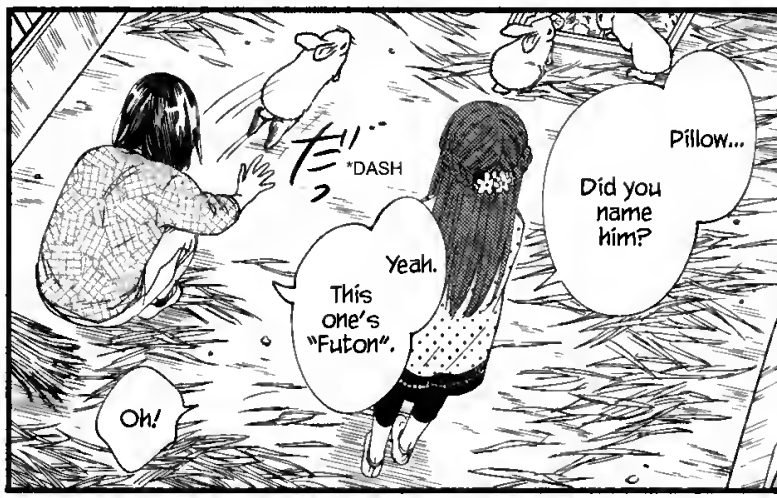
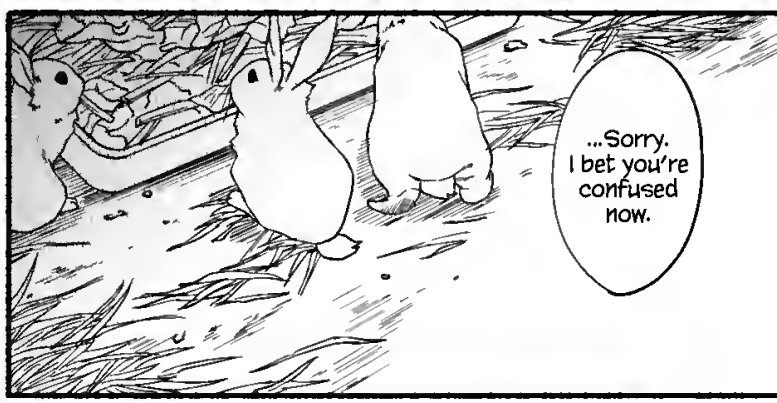
Huh?
THINGS
Oh!
Pillow!
Then, I could--
SNAP

Pillow... You mean?
Whoa.
I'm sorry! I didn't see him!
That was close.
Pillow's always sleeping. He usually doesn't move.


No. That one's Futon.
Huh?
THINGS


Pillow... Did you name him?
*DASH
Yeah. This one's "Futon".
Oh!


...Sorry. I bet you're confused now.

How can you tell?
He looks nothing like the others.
What?! Normally, no one could tell the difference!

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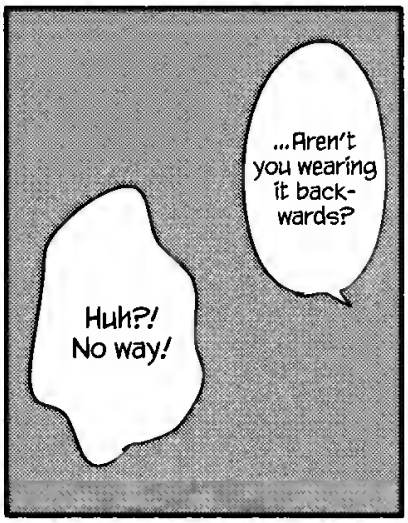
*GASP
S-
So, while we're cleaning the pen, I want you to tell me their names!
If they have names, I want to know them!
Huh?
No, I'm good. I'll clean it myself.
Come on, it'll be faster if we do it together!
You're so nice, Ogata-san.

THINGS
Normal?
It's only normal for people to be nice to each other.
Come on.
What?! This is normal!
Yeah, normal!

Futon is larger than Pillow.
Pillow sleeps a lot.

G'morning, Nao!
Ah, geez. You scared me.
Good morning, Rion.
EEK!
Woo!
*SHOVE
What was Blackie again?
Phew
*SFX: CREEP
My dad said I'd look good in it.
It's got a ribbon on the back!
Umm...
Hey.
Does this one piece look good on me?
Wow!
It does! Did you buy it?

Ahaha. It's still cute, so I don't think it's a problem.
I thought it was just another ribbon.
Geez, why didn't my mom tell me? I am so embarrassed.
Nah, it is. I'll change it in the nurse's office!


...Aren't you wearing it backwards?
Huh?! No way!

*SFX SLIDE
So, you see...
*FWP
G'morning.
'Morning.
*SFX YAMMER YAMMER YAMMER YAMMER YAMMER
Oh, Rion, you look cute today.
Hey, get this.
What? What's up?

*KER-CHAK
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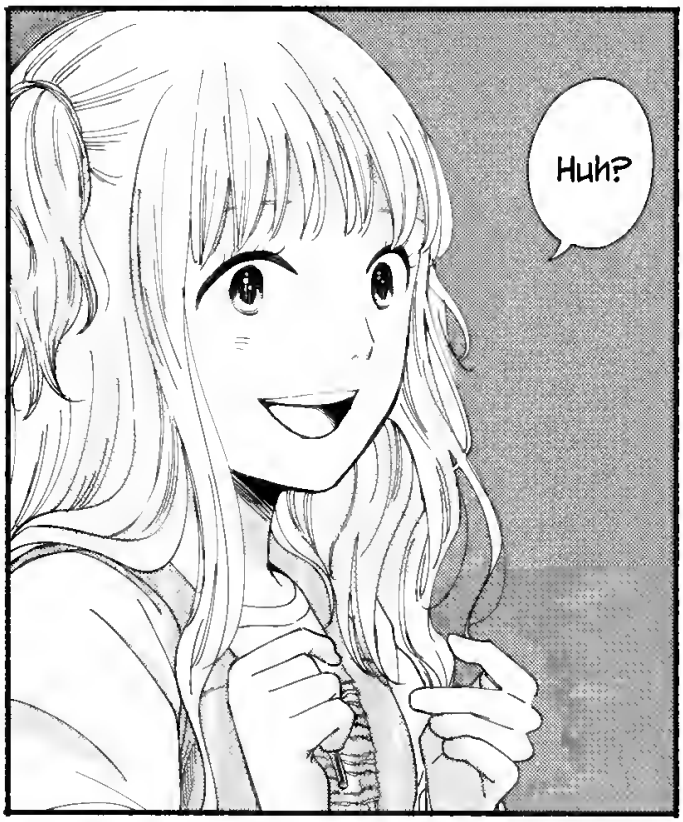
Before I got to class, Nao said...

Hey.
Hey, Rion.
"Aren't you wearing it backwards?"
Rion.
Yeah? What?

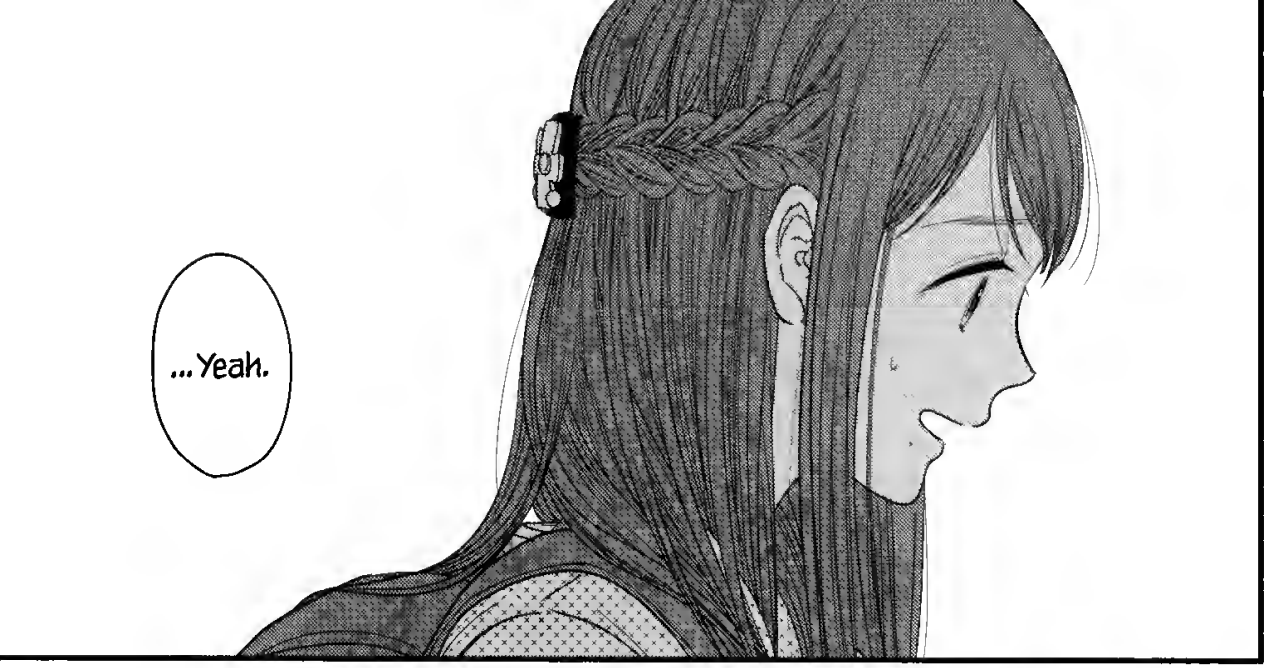

Huh?

...
Behind you...

Right, Nao?

...that Kazuki's looking at you.
one, two, three...
go!
What?
No way

Rion...
Nao's saying...

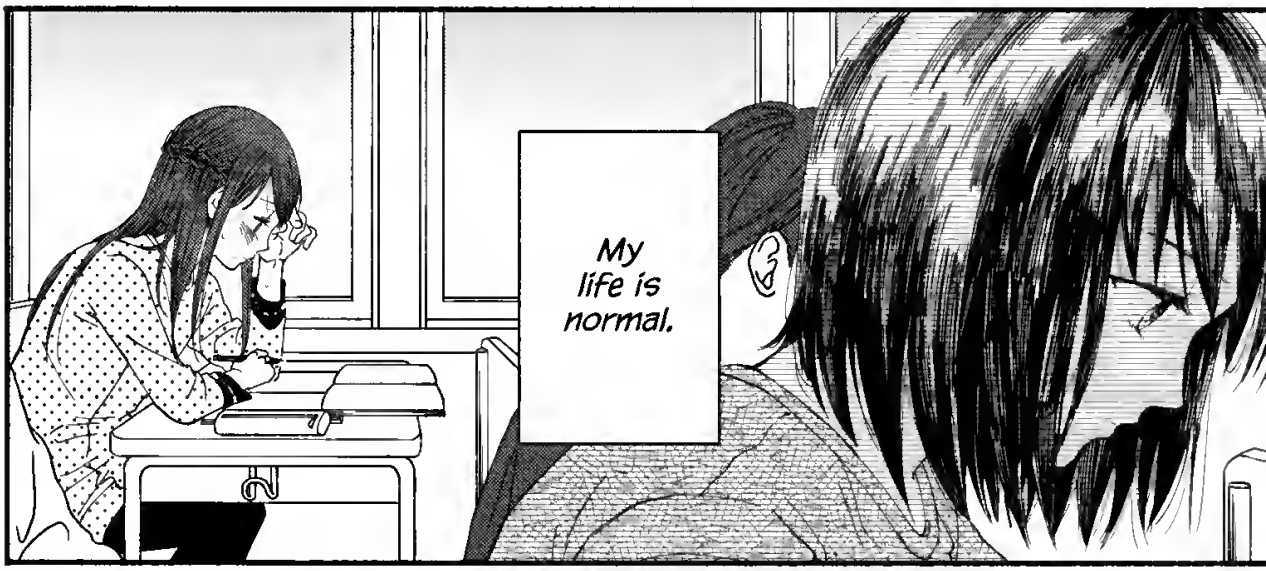


...Nao!
Why do you always have to nitpick everything?
THINGS
Oh, but it's not like I *want* Kazuki to look at me, okay?
Being approached by my friends...
Talking to my friends...

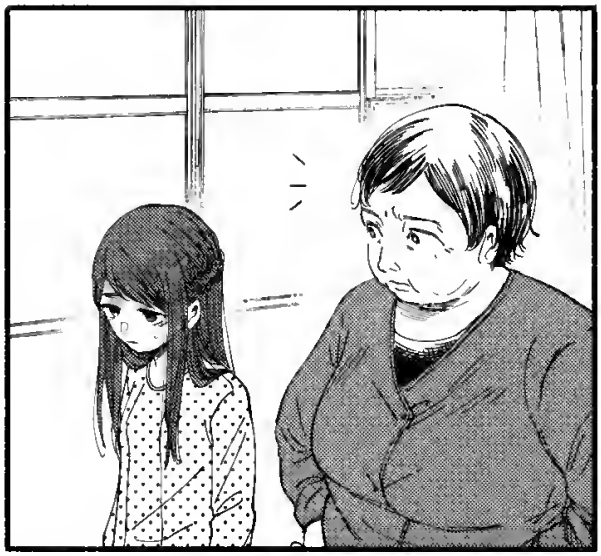
This,...

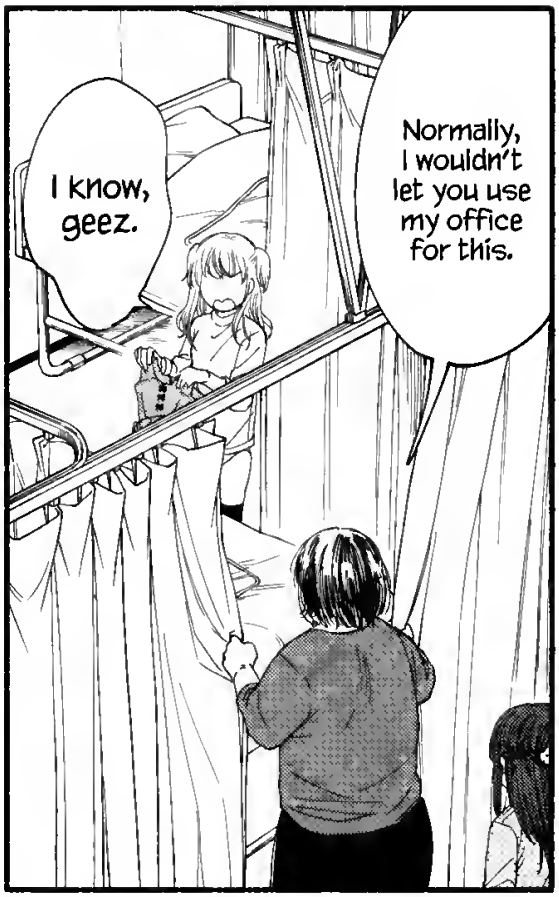
...is clearly normal.

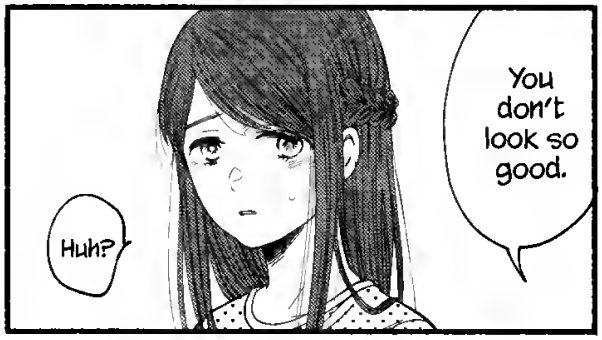
This is normal.
We pass around letters during class.
We call each other by nick-names.
I always joke around with my friends.


My life is normal.

Nurse's Office
All right, but just this once.
...My head hurts.




Normally, I wouldn't let you use my office for this.
I know, geez.


You don't look so good.
Huh?

Oh, um, I'm anemic.
Are you on your period?
No.

Hey, Nurse! Could you zip this up for me?
I'm not your mother!
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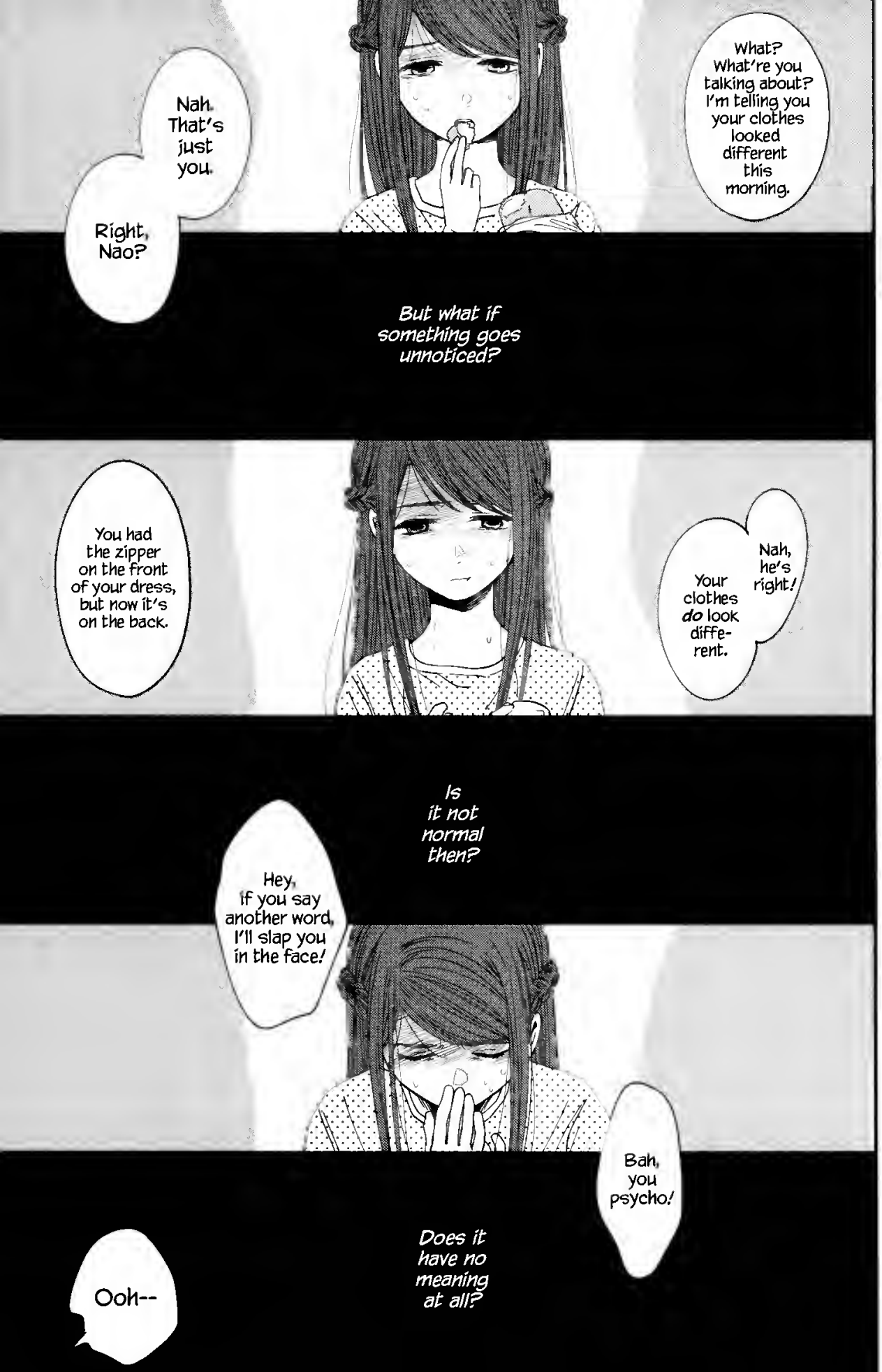
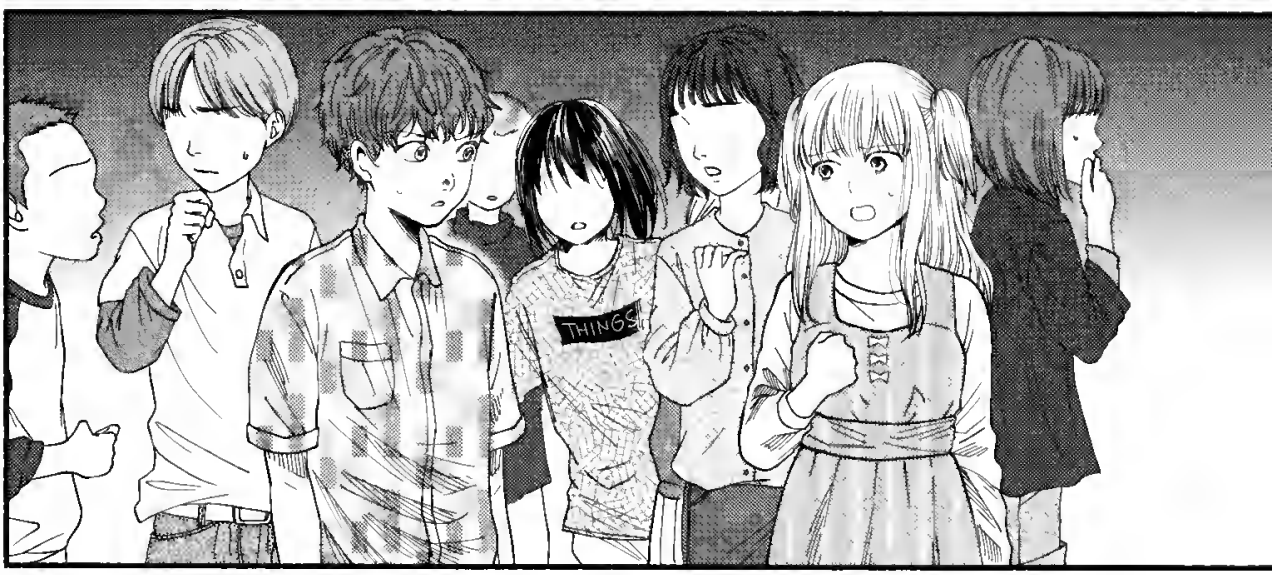
It doesn't take a lot to know what's normal and what's not.

Anyone with eyes can see the difference right away.


What? What're you talking about? I'm telling you your clothes looked different this morning.
Nah. That's just you.
Right, Nao?
But what if something goes unnoticed?
Nah, he's right!
Your clothes do look diffe-rent.
You had the zipper on the front of your dress, but now it's on the back.
Is it not normal then?
Hey, if you say another word, I'll slap you in the face!
Bah, you psycho!
Does it have no meaning at all?
Ooh--

BLU-
UUU-
UUH.

Wha?
Oh no...
*MURMUR
ザワ
*MURMUR
ザワ
Ew. Someone threw up.
*CLATTER
ガラ
Gross.
Ewww.
You clean it up.
No way.
My clothes will get dirty.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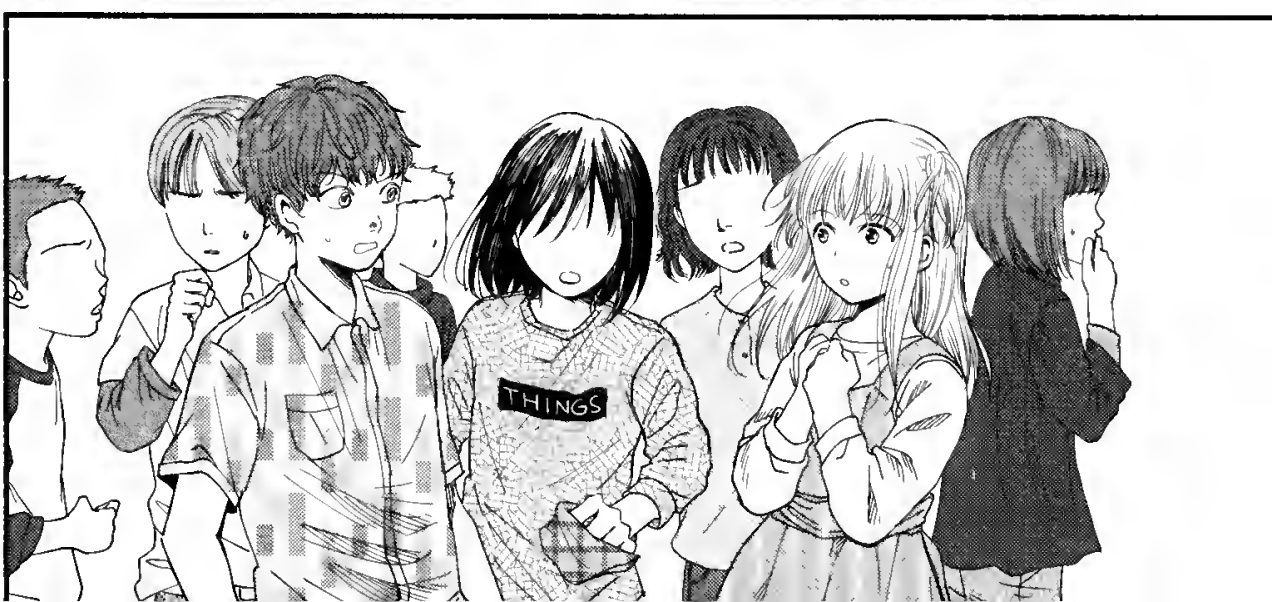
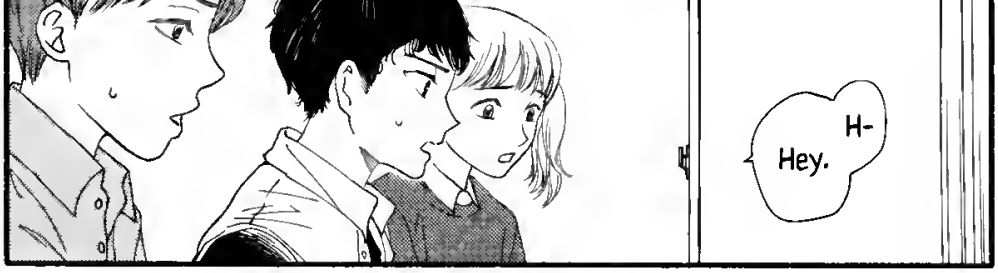

THINGS

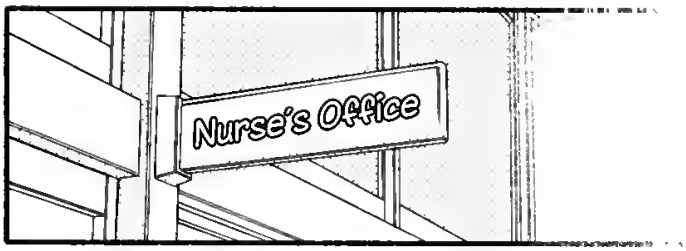
Use this.
Oh.
It's a handkerchief.
It's wrinkly,
...but I washed it.


H-
Hey.

Hey, health girl. Get Ogata to the nurse's office.

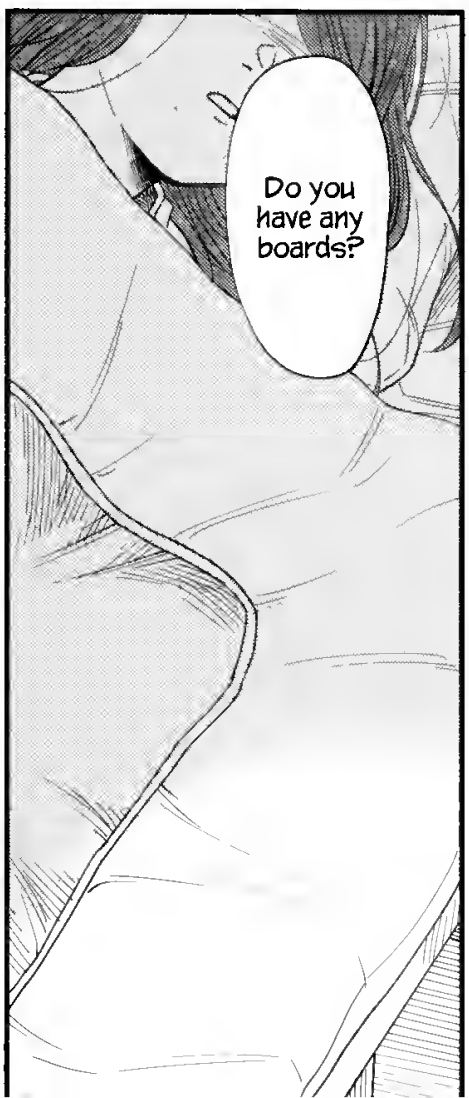
Nao...
There have got to be paper towels around here.
Should we call a teacher?
Where's *our* teacher?

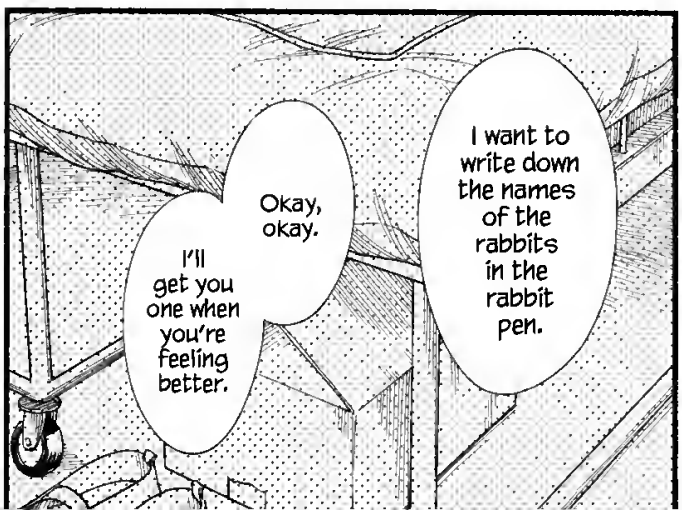
You're so nice, Ogata-san.
This...
...is normal for Hayami-kun.


Nurse's Office

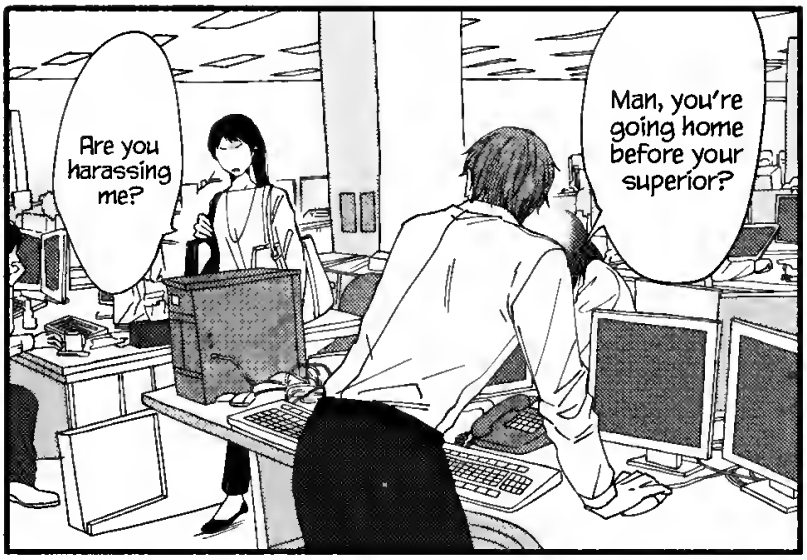
Your mother will be on her way.
Sensei.
Hm?

Boards?
Yeah, those small sign boards...
Like the planks for kamaboko.


Do you have any boards?


I want to write down the names of the rabbits in the rabbit pen.
Okay, okay.
I'll get you one when you're feeling better.

Pillow,
...and Futon...
...are really cute names.
I want them to be noticed.


Are you harassing me?
Man, you're going home before your superior?

Alright, I'll be going now.

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*POOF
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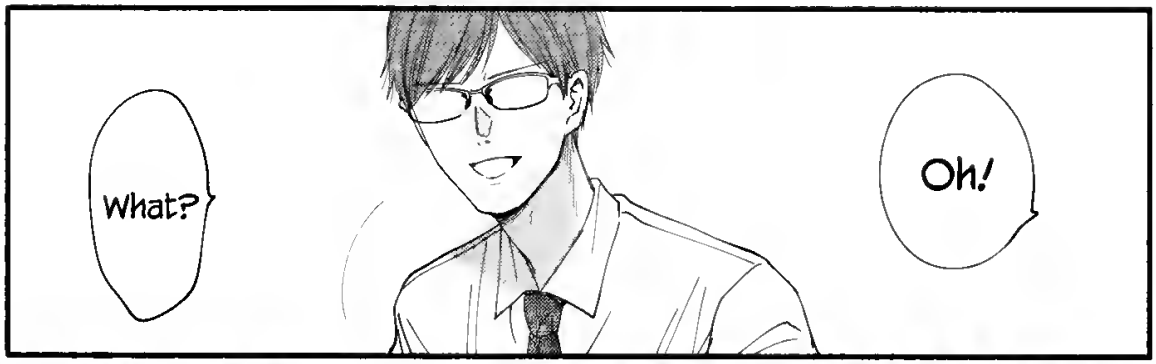
You've been acting kind of restless as of late.
What, did you get a boy-friend?

Sigh...
A boy-friend...?


What?
Oh!

...I'll be going now.

*HEH
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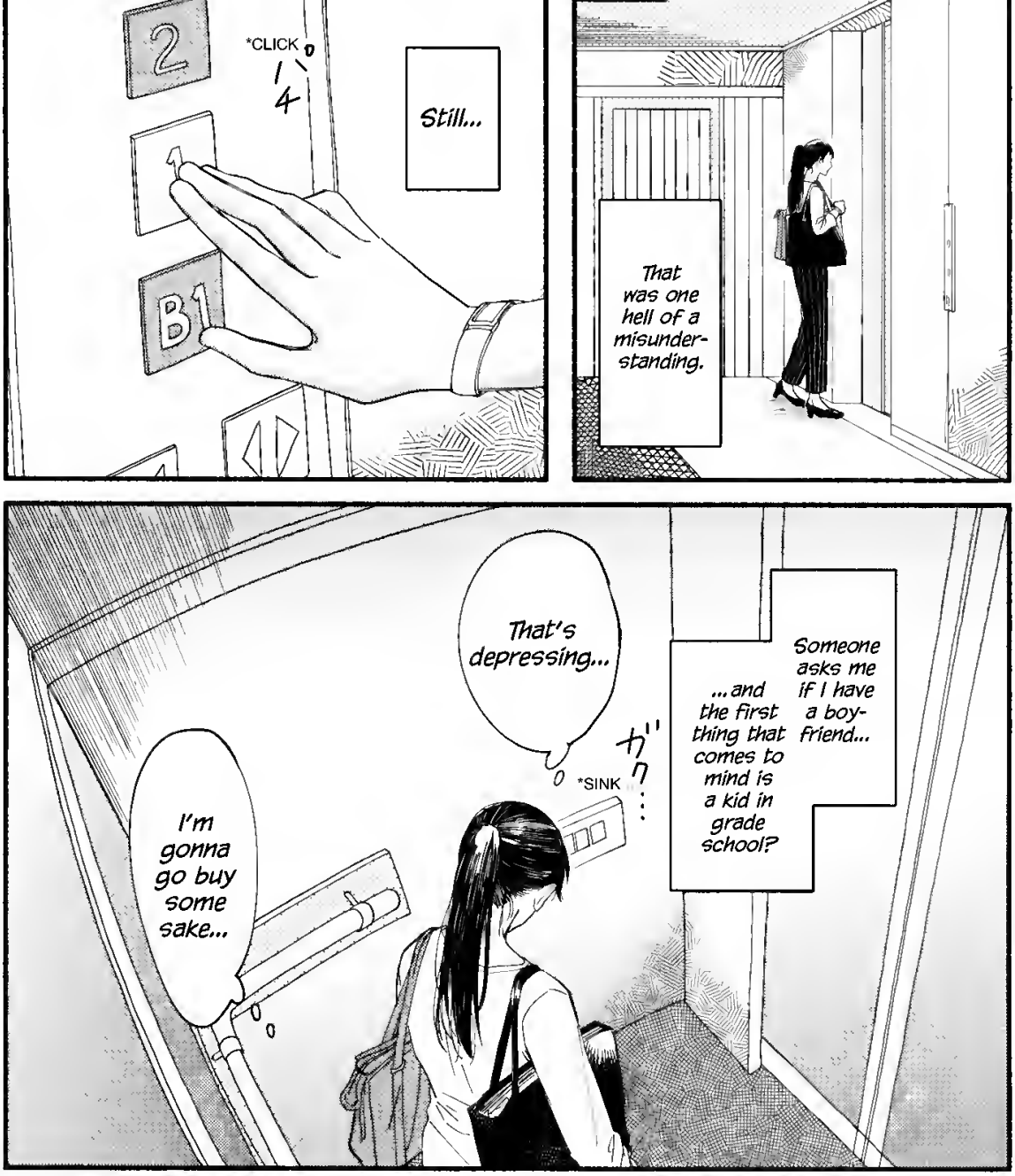

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